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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PBOR, UNSC, IS, LE, XE
SUBJ: FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON SOUTHERN LEBANON

1. DURING MY CALL APRIL 11 ON FOREIGN MINISTER DE
GUIRINGAUD, HE EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN ABOUT THE
ISRAELI FAILURE TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON.
HE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT ISRAEL HAS GIVEN NO SIGN
OF READINESS TO MAKE A REAL WITHDRAWAL. AND HE TOLD
ME "VERY OFFICIALLY" THAT FRANCE WOULD REFUSE TO LEND
ITSELF TO A SITUATION IN WHICH UN FORCES ARE BEING USED
TO PROVIDE COVER FOR AN ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN

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LEBANON. HE ADDED THAT, IF ISRAEL DID NOT IMPLEMENT
A SERIOUS WITHDRAWAL SOON, HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE
PRESIDENT THAT FRANCE WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM UNIFIL.
GUIRINGAUD CONCLUDED BY URGING THAT THE US USE ALL ITS
INFLUENCE TO SECURE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.

2. COMMENT: I WAS STRUCK BY THE VEHEMENCE OF

GUIRINGAUD'S REMARKS AND BY THE FACT THAT HE CONCEN-
TRATED ON THE SOUTHERN LEBANON ISSUE RATHER THAN ON
CRITICISM OF ISRAELI'S GENERAL MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATING
POSITION, WHICH IS NORMALLY THE TACK HE TAKES.
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